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# VISION AND THE SCARLET WITCH™



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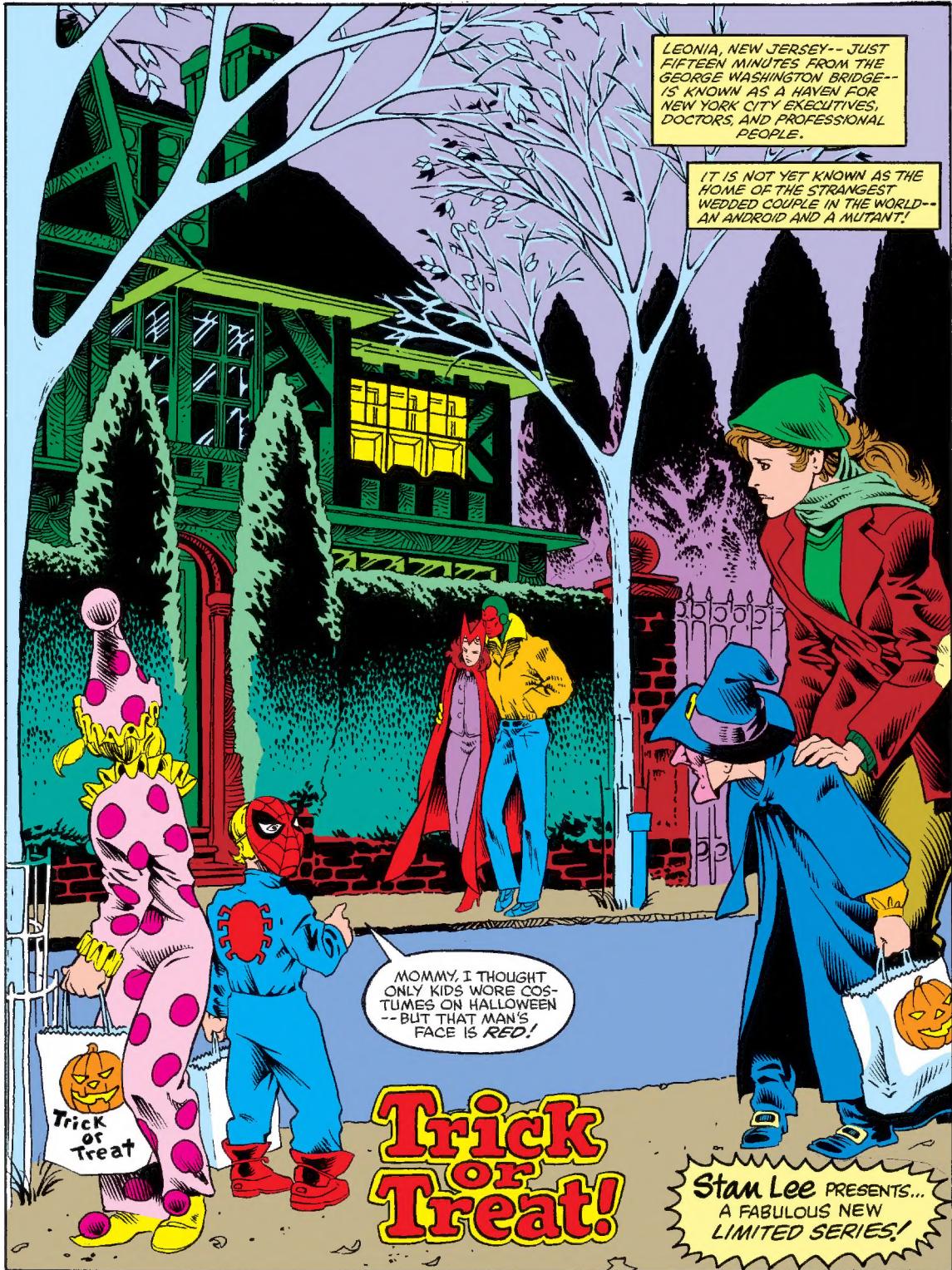
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LEONIA, NEW JERSEY-- JUST FIFTEEN MINUTES FROM THE GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE-- IS KNOWN AS A HAVEN FOR NEW YORK CITY EXECUTIVES, DOCTORS, AND PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE.

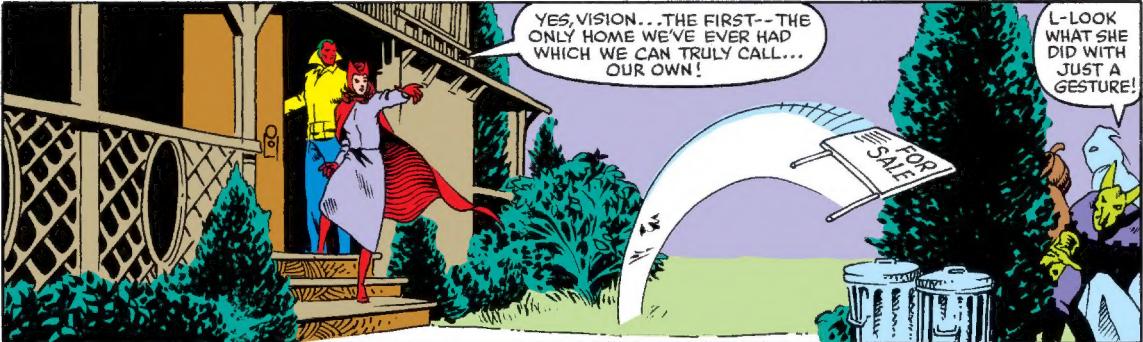
IT IS NOT YET KNOWN AS THE HOME OF THE STRANGEST WEDDED COUPLE IN THE WORLD-- AN ANDROID AND A MUTANT!



# Trick or Treat!

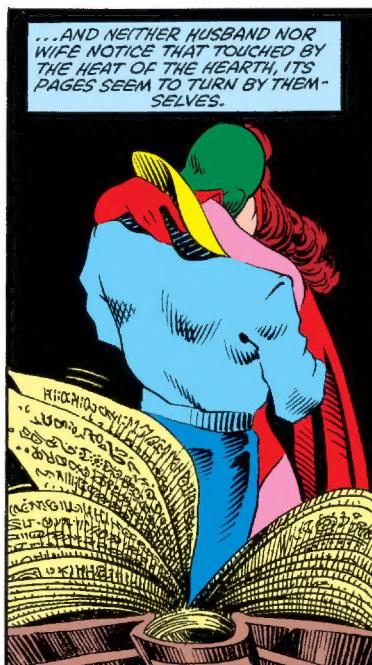
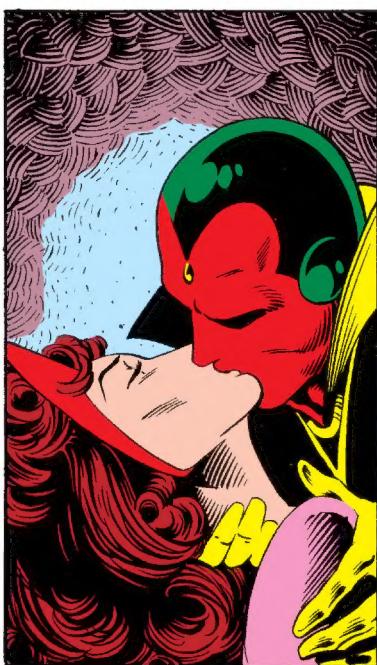
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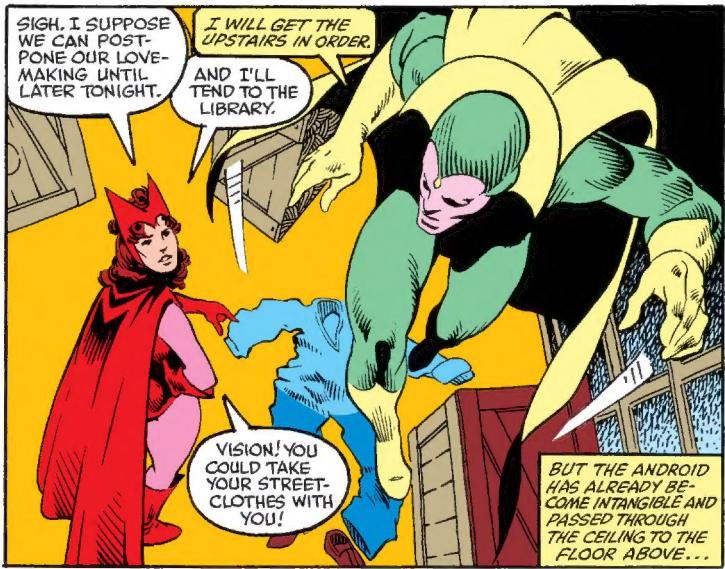


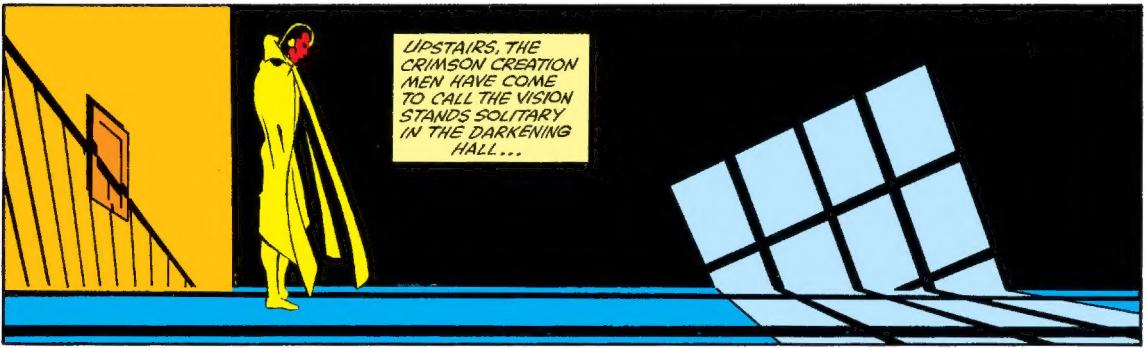


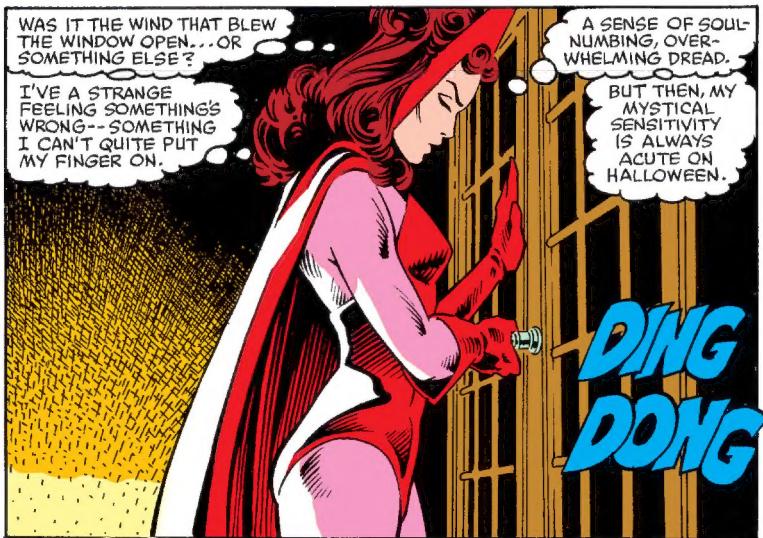
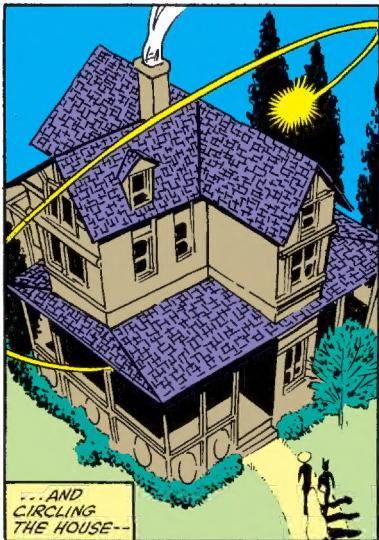
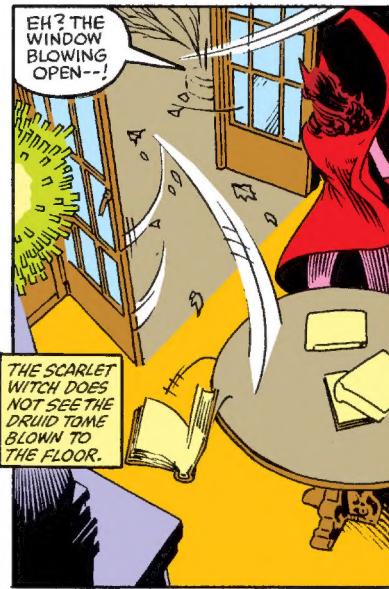
THE AVENGERS' BUTLER IS A LINK WITH A PAST FROM WHICH THEY HAVE MADE A BREAK. YET THEY BEAR THAT PAST NO ANIMOSITY, AND JARVIS IS MADE WELCOME.

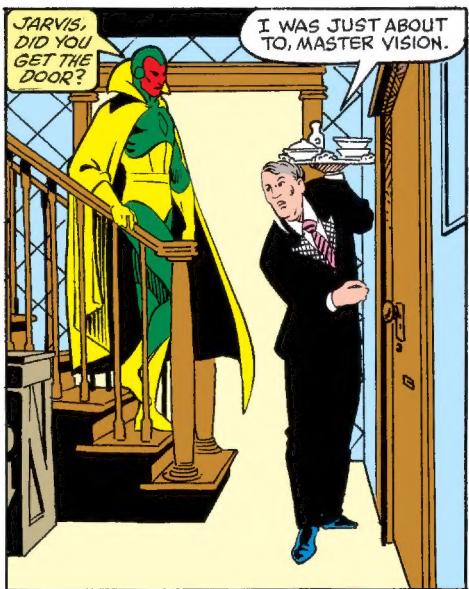












--AND WHY YOU UTTER THREATS AGAINST MY BELOVED WIFE!



WE MUST DO HIS BIDDING-- AND HE BIDS US FORCE THE SCARLET WITCH TO USE HER POWER TO SET HIM FREE!

TIME AND AGAIN THE VISION HAS ALTERED HIS ATOMIC DENSITY TO THE POINT OF INTANGIBILITY.

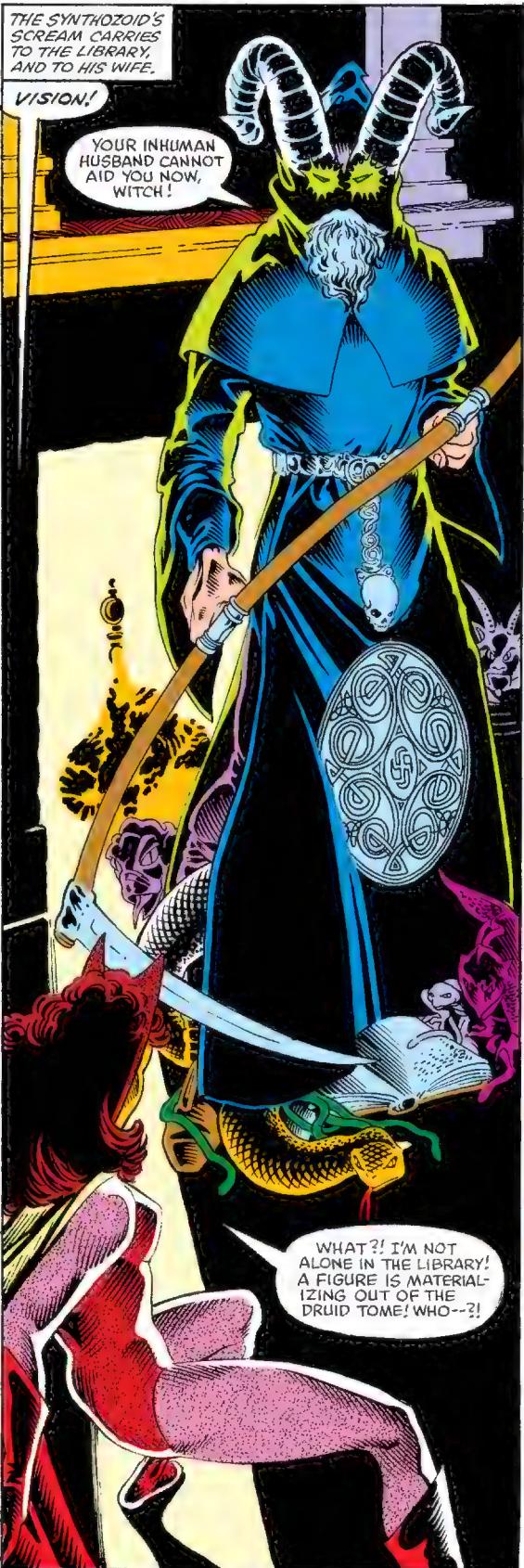
YOU, VISION, ARE MERELY IN THE WAY!

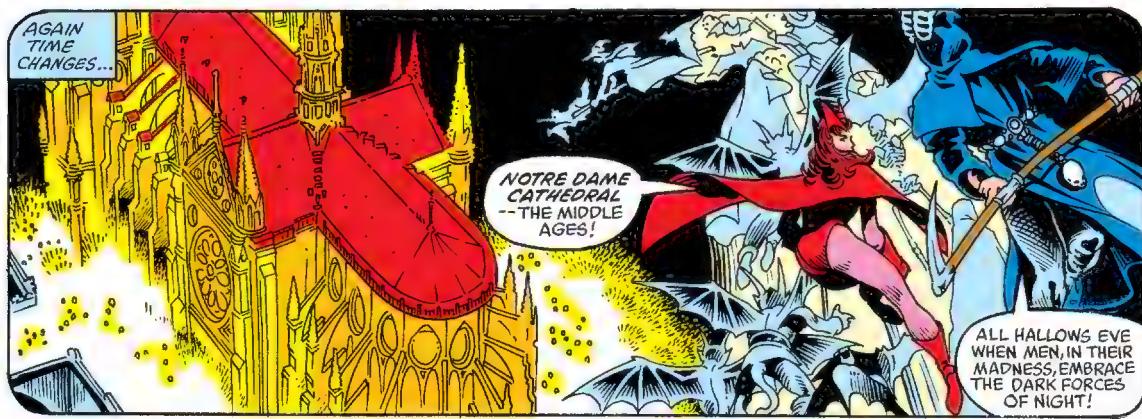
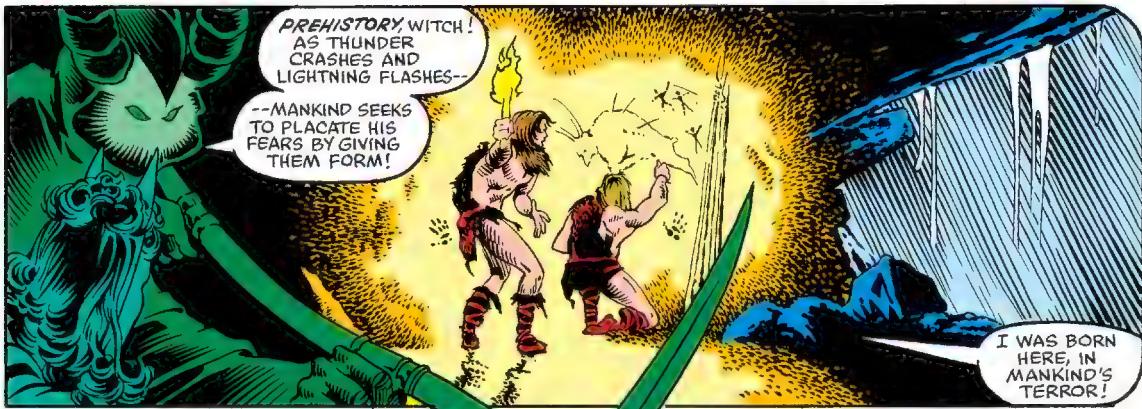
IN THAT STATE, HE HAS PASSED HIS ATOMS THROUGH THE ATOMS OF OTHERS...

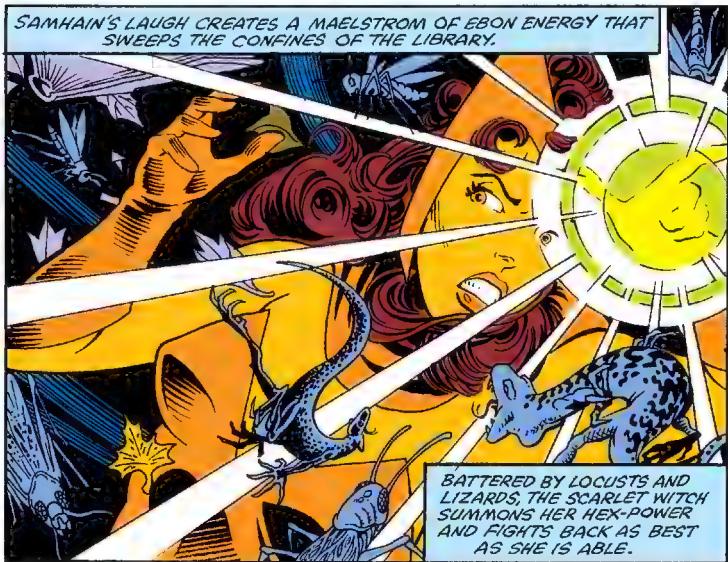
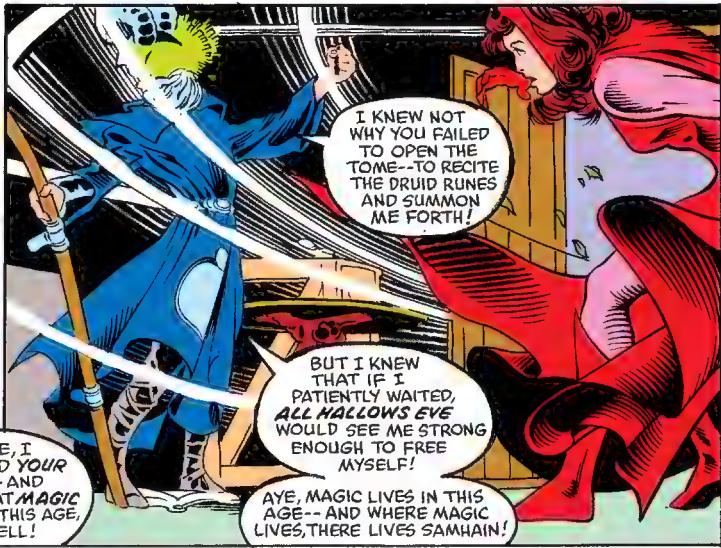
...IMMOBILIZING THEM IN AN INSTANT OF AGONY, A MOMENT OF PAIN.

NOW THE TABLES ARE TURNED!

YEEARRGHH!







MASTER VISION IS IN PAIN--CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO PERILS!

THOUGH HE TURNS INTANGIBLE, THE GHOST STILL SEEMS ABLE TO DISRUPT HIM--

-- WHILE JACK O' LANTERN AND THE GOBLIN WAIT TO BATTER HIM SHOULD HE BECOME SOLID AGAIN!

AYE! "HE WHO WOULD LIVE" BIDS ME COME TO HIM!

THE LIBRARY! WANDA IS WITHIN THE LIBRARY!

I-I WILL NOT ALLOW THE APPARITION TO PASS, MASTER VISION!

YOU CANNOT STOP THE GHOST, FRIEND JARVIS.

I MUST TRY, ONCE I FIGHT FREE OF HIS COMPANIONS.

...RELEASING THE CHILD WITHIN FROM SORCEROUS SERVITUDE.

THE SUMMONS, GHOST! DID YOU HEAR THE SUMMONS?!

THEAL EYEBEAMS SEAR THE PUMPKIN-SHELL HEAD OF THE JACK O' LANTERN...

CURSE WHOEVER IT IS WHO HAS FORCED ME TO CHOOSE BETWEEN HURTING THIS CHILD--

--AND SAVING MY WIFE.

BUT, THE CHOICE MADE, MY PATH IS CLEAR. STAND ASIDE, GOBLIN, LEST YOU SUFFER A LIKE FATE.

TO OBEY YOU, VISION, WOULD BE TO DISOBEDY "HE WHO WOULD LIVE"!

THAT I CAN-NOT DO!

AS THE VISION ADVANCES ON THE GOBLIN, THE GHOST ADVANCES UPON A DEFiant JARVIS.

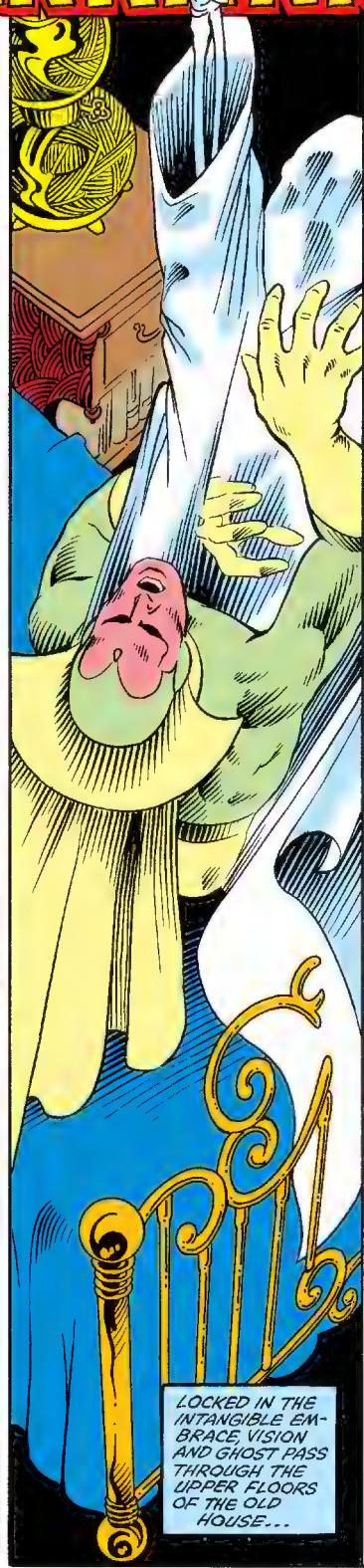


JARVIS BRANDISHES HIS SILVER SERVING TRAY BEFORE HIM LIKE A SHIELD.





# YAAAARRRRRRRRRR



# RRRRRRRGHHHHH!

OUTSIDE, THEIR SCREAMS SEEM LIKE A DAGGER AIMED AT THE HEART OF THE STARS!



IN THE LIBRARY, THE SCARLET WITCH REALIZES THAT SHE MUST FACE SAMHAIN ON HER OWN. THE VISION MAY OR MAY NOT RETURN TO HELP HER.



SHE DOES NOT HESITATE!



DO NOT FIGHT ME, WITCH! JOIN ME!

SAMHAIN SHRUGGED MY HEX ASIDE WITH A SWEEP OF HIS SCYTHE!

I'VE GOT TO THINK THIS THROUGH! NOT WASTE ENERGY ON FUTILE ATTACKS!

MY HEX POWER STEMS FROM MY MUTANT PHYSIOLOGY! IT DISRUPTS THE PROBABILITY FIELD AROUND ME, CREATING POLTERGEIST EFFECTS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE TRUE MAGIC I WAS TAUGHT AFFECTS ORGANIC MATTER.

WHICH WOULD AVAIL ME HERE? PERHAPS MY ONLY HOPE IS TO COMBINE THE TWO... AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!



SHE  
DOES...



...AND AS IF SENSING HIS DANGER, SAMHAIN STRIKES!

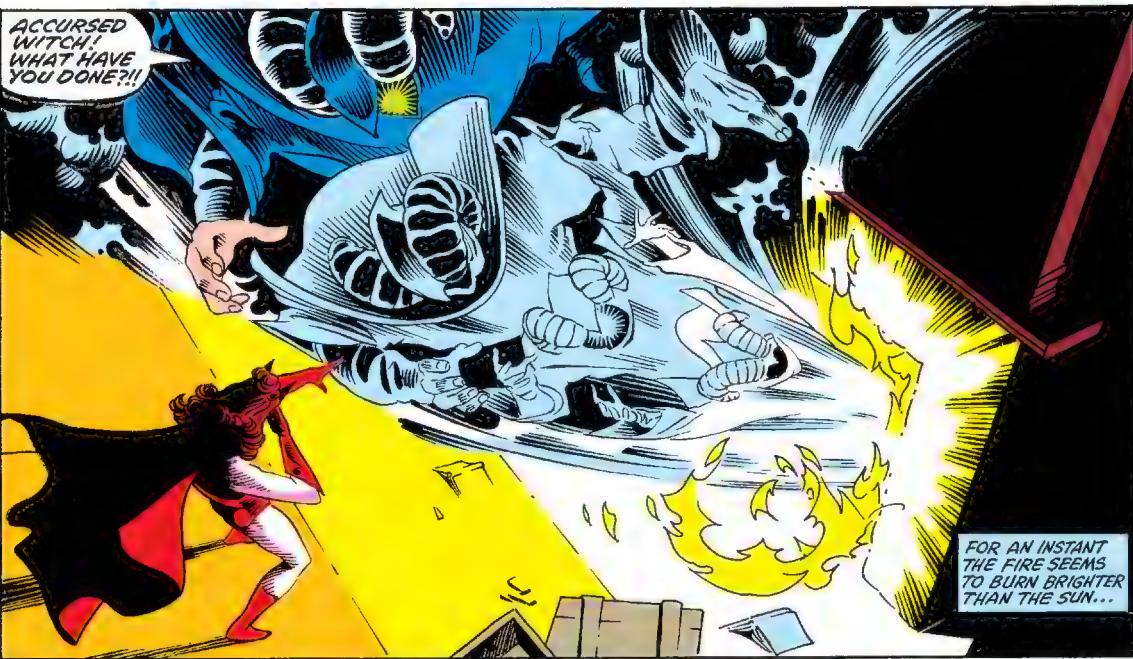
TOO LATE, FOR THE SCARLET WITCH'S SPELL--CHOSEN FROM THOUSANDS TAUGHT HER BY AGATHA HARKNESS--

...ASSERTS MYSTIC MASTERY OVER THE LEATHER BINDING AND PAPER PAGES OF THE DRUID TOME--



--EVEN AS HER MUTANT HEX POWER SWEEPS IT INTO THE FLAMES!

ACCURSED WITCH! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE?!!



FOR AN INSTANT THE FIRE SEEKS TO BURN BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN...

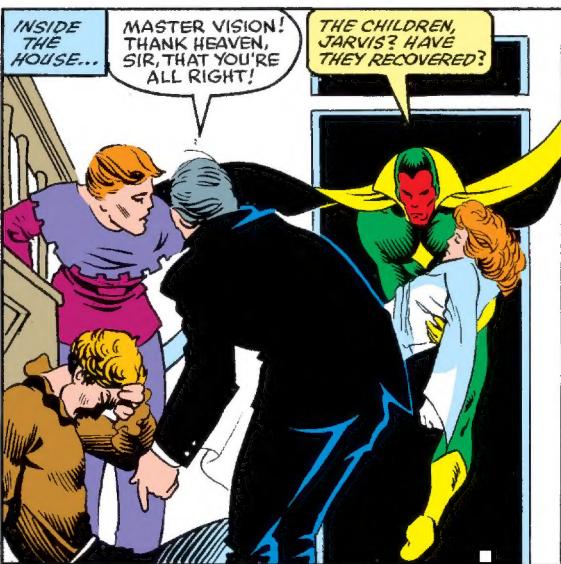
...ONLY TO GO INSTANTANEOUSLY COLD.

YOU NEVER MOVED OFF THE DRUID TOME, DID YOU, SAMHAIN! SOME MAGIC MIGHTIER THAN YOUR OWN BOUND YOU TO IT!

YOU NEEDED MY MAGIC TO HELP YOU ESCAPE IT!



WELL, YOU'RE FREE NOW!



THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW HIM IMAGINE THE VISION INCAPABLE OF FEELING, DEVOID OF EMOTION. THEY CAN NOT IMAGINE HIM ABLE TO LOVE.



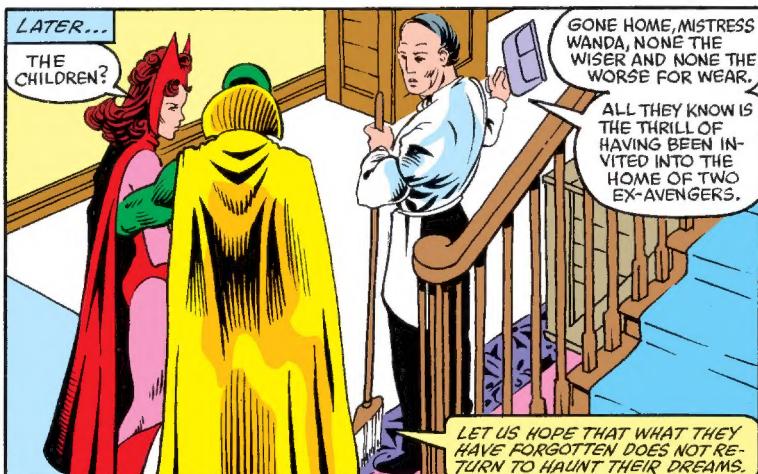
BUT THEN THEY HAVE NEVER SEEN HIM RACE TO HIS WIFE'S SIDE AFTER A BATTLE... NEVER SEEN HIM KNEEL TENDERLY ALONGSIDE HER.

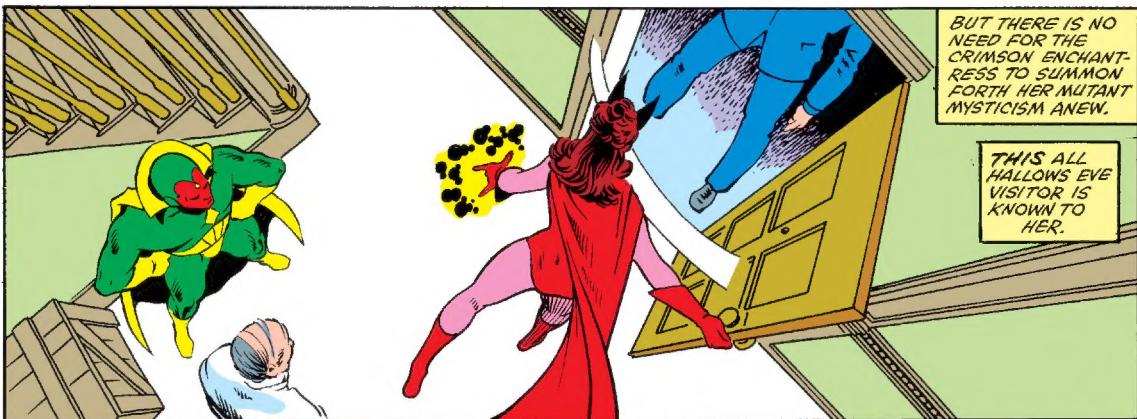
THEY HAVE NEVER HEARD THE CATCH IN HIS THROAT AS, GAZING INTO HER EYES, HE REALIZES WHAT THE BATTLE HAS DONE TO HER.

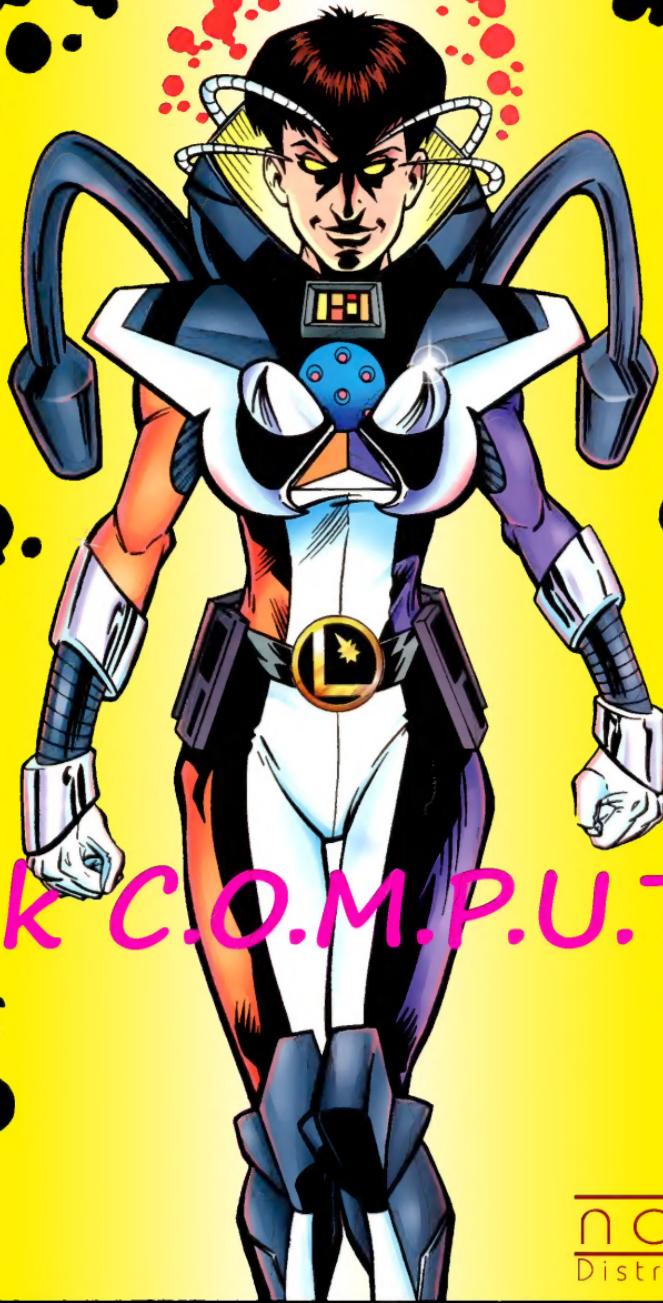
AND THEY HAVE NEVER WITNESSED THE OUTPOURING OF EMOTION AS THE TWO LOVERS EMBRACE AMIDST THE RUINS.



THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN SUCH THINGS SPEAK THE TRUTH WHEN THEY SAY: "EVEN A SYNTHOZOID CAN CRY."







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